

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) Application No. 911-014/PI-99
Public Service, on its own)
motion, to investigate issues)
related to the current state of) ORDER
landline and enhanced wireless)
911 service and the means to)
ensure statewide access to)
landline 911 and enhanced) Entered: November 8, 2005
wireless 911 service.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

The Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) opened the above-captioned docket, on its own motion, on June 28, 2005, to investigate issues related to the current state of landline and enhanced wireless 911 service and the means to ensure statewide access to landline 911 and enhanced wireless 911 service.

The Commission received written comment from interested parties on issues related to 911 service in Nebraska. A public hearing was held on October 18, 2005 to solicit further comment.

Comments were received generally opposing consolidation from local law enforcement and emergency management agencies. The Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) stated that all PSAPs operated by counties and municipalities must continue to operate. The League of Municipalities supported consolidation where appropriate. The Lincoln Emergency Communications Center commented that consolidation may be necessary in some areas of the state, but it should be considered carefully.

NACO further stated that the Commission should consider making a portion of the cell phone surcharges or any increase in the surcharge available to the counties to help fund fundamental operational expenses. Comments received also expressed concern regarding the lack of funding for implementation of landline and wireless E911 and the distribution of the funds and a desire to maintain local control.

The Commission finds that the Wireless E911 Department (Department) shall compile the information submitted in written comments and hearing testimony for submission to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature. Additionally, the report to the Committee shall address the current state of landline and enhanced wireless 911

service throughout Nebraska and other states; various regulatory approaches to providing enhanced 911 service; and other issues outlined in Legislative Resolution 143 [2005].

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Wireless E911 Department submit a report to the transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature in response to Legislative Resolution 143 [2005].

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of November, 2005.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director